PROCEEDINGS

of

THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

SIXTH SESSION.

Friday, the 2nd August 1935/17th Karkatakam 1110.

The Assembly met again in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the clock, the President presiding.

OATH OF OFFICE.

The following Member took the oath and signed the Rolls:—

Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Case against Mr. S. Ramasubrahmanya Aiyar, Assistant Conservator.

201. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the brief statement given about the case against Mr. Ramasubrahmanya Aiyar, Assistant Conservator, in the Administration Report of the Forest Department for 1109 M. E., will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why Mr. Ramasubrahmanya Aiyar was placed under suspension in 1109:

(*b*) what were the charges against him; and

(*c*) what is the result of the enquiry conducted by the Special Commissioner?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Mr. Ramasubrahmanya Aiyar was placed under suspension by Government for certain irregularities reported by the Conservator of Forests

(*c*) The result of the enquiry cannot be disclosed at this stage as the same is under the consideration of Government.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government the nature of the irregularities reported by the Conservator of Forests against Mr. Ramasubrahmanya Aiyar?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It cannot be disclosed at present.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether an attested copy of the report of the Special Officer was obtained by the Vakil of Mr. Ramasubrahmanya Aiyar or by Mr. Ramasubrahmanya Aiyar?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, a copy was given.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether, in the face of that, that report can be called confidential?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is confidential.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): In the face of the fact that a copy of the report has already been given out to private persons, can that be called a confidential report?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It is not given out. It is only given to the party.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether there is any difference between an attested copy being given to the party and disclosing its facts to this House?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): A copy has been given confidentially to the party and not to the public.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether there was any undertaking by the party that the copy will be kept confidential?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The copy was marked 'confidential'.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the copy marked 'confidential' would be kept as confidential by the party?

PRESIDENT: That depends upon his honour. So far as Government are concerned, they have marked it as confidential.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the member whether the irregularities were unfounded and that it was brought up as a result of personal grudge?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): May I know how long this matter has been under the consideration of Government?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Commissioner's report was received some time in December last. Since then it has been under the consideration of Government.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): May I know why such a long time is taken to decide on a report submitted by a Judicial Officer?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): On account of the importance of the matter.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether in the past, in the case of a report submitted by a Commissioner appointed under the Departmental Enquiries Rules, an attested copy has been given to any party?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether any explanation was called for from the accused officer ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the date on which the officer was called upon to explain ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : On the 22nd February 1934.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know the procedure followed by the Government when once a report is received ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It is considered by Government.

Work of the Game Warden.

202. *MR. S. J. NAIR. (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what exact work the Game Warden has turned out up till now (14-11-1110) since his appointment;

(*b*) how many Game Associations he has formed in Travancore.

(*c*) how many new and varied species of animals and birds from other countries he has introduced in Travancore and

(*d*) how many cases of poaching he has prevented ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) (1) Published articles in the newspapers advocating the study of wild life and their preservation.

(2) Represented Travancore on the Committee of the Society for the Preservation of Wild Life in South India held in Madras and also attended the Empire Conference on Game Preservation at Delhi.

(3) Made proposals for the establishment of National Parks.

(4) Visited various parts of the State in connection with the Preservation of Wild Life.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) None.

(*d*) One.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the answer to (*a*) (1), may I know in what all newspapers the articles were published by the Game Warden ?

MR T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the information. I have tried to get the information. But I did not get it.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know the name of the Game Association and the place where it is started ?

MR. T.C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It was started at Peermade.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know how many members there are in that Association ?

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